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GEORGE WEIN-NEWPORT JAZZ

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EMBASSY HIGHLY RECOMMENDS CU FUNDSHARING IN FY-77 FOR
PERFORMANCES BY U.S. JAZZ GROUPS APPEARING AT CASCAIS
JAZZ FESTIVAL FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A) CASCAIS JAZZ FESTIVAL ATTRACTS MORE YOUNG PEOPLE THAN ANY
OTHER SINGLE CULTURAL EVENT DURING THE YEAR THROUGHOUT
PORTUGAL;

B) CO-SOPONSORS HAVE BEGUN PROGRAMMING USIS FILMS ON AMERICAN
MUSICIANS AND MUSIC FESTIVALS IN CONJUNCTION WITH JAZZ CONCERTS;

C) BECAUSE OF PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN PORTUGAL,
CO-SPONSORS WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY CONCLUDING SATISFACTORY
FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS ON COMMERCIAL BASIS WITHOUT SUPPORT
FROM CU.

D) THE PREVAILING ABSENCE OF COMMERCIALLY ARRANGED EVENTS
BY U.S. PERFORMING ARTISTS MAKES YOUR SUPPORT AN IMPORTANT
PREREQUISITE FOR FUTURE PROGRAMMING; WIEN HAS ESTABLISHED A
RELATIONSHIP OF MUTUAL TRUST WITH LOCAL SPONSORS RE SELECTION
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OF ARTISTS AND FULFILLMENT OF ARRANGEMENTS.

E) REF REFTTEL PARA 5, QUESTION OF REPETITION OF JAZZ GROUPS
FOR UPCOMING FESTIVAL IS NOT YET APPLICABLE TO LISBON;

G) PRESENT POLITICAL CLIMATE STILL REQUIRES THAT ANY U.S.
PERFORMING ARTS PROVIDING A POSITIVE IMAGE OF U.S. SOCIETY
AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN THE ARTS BE SUPPORTED AS MUCH
AS POSSIBLE.

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